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GERMAN SLAVE RAIDS DECRIED

New York Citizens Protest Against Deportation of Belgians.

APPEAL SENT TO WILSON

Mass Meeting Asks President to Inform Teutons of U.S. Sentiment.

Citizens of New York who believe that silence in the hour of Germany's enslavement of the Belgian people is nothing less than a crime net last night in Carnegie Hall and with enthusiasm tempered by solemnity called upon the Government of the United States to demand of Germany that she put on end to her policy of expatriation and slavery

The cheering and general demonstration which followed the mention of Theodore Roosevelt's name, and which interrupted the reading of a letter from him, was a striking feature of the big meeting. James M. Beck and Elihu Root were accorded enthusiastic receptions, but their welcome was mild in compari-son to the cheering at the mere mention of the many "Morenvell".

sympathy for Belgium and recorded their abhorrence of Germany's acts were hundreds that stand at the forefront of the professions, of business and of art. In the list of vice-presidents that gave support to the mass meeting of protest were the names of Charles E. Hughes, Elihu Root, Robert Bacon, George W. Wickersham, Cornelius Vanderbiltz Henry W. Taft, Willard D. Straight, A. Barton Hepburn, Robert W. de Forest, John M. Bowers, Darwin P. Kinsley, otto T. Bannard, James M. Beck, Bishop H. Burch, Nicholas Murray Butler George Haven Putnam, Alton B. Parker, W. Whitridge, Francis Lynde Setson, Gen. Horace Porter, J. Pierpont Morgan, William Barclay Parsons, John M. Parker, Adrian Iselin, Bishop David H. Greer. Henry C. Frick, Crauncey M. Depew, H. P. Davison and Lyman, Abbot. Many of these sat upon the platform of in the auditorium.

form or in the auditorium.

They heard addresses by the Rev. Dr. William T. Manning, chairman of the meeting: James M. Beck, Alton B. Parker and Elihu Root and lettern from Col. Theodore Roosevelt and Joseph H. Choate, all of which expressed detestation of the cruelty practised by the Germany.

They be a sum to their employees costs, according to an announcement made last night by Theodore N. Vail. president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Employees getting \$3,000 a year or less who have worked for the company for more than one year will receive three weeks pay; those who worked for the company more than three months and less than a year and who get \$3,000 a year or less will get two weeks pay.

Though Ether Telephone and Telegraph Company.

ommitted in Belgium, France and Poland, such as were supposed to have become extinct among civilized peoples and the like of which have not been

known in the world since the beginning of the Christian era."

Similar meetings have been held in Boston and e' where. Dr. Manning said, and he hoped there would be more in every city, large or small, through-

out the land.
"We have not come here to speak the language of hate," said the rector of Trinity, "We do not condemn indiscrimnately the whole German people. We know that they have been misinformed, misled and cruelly betrayed by those in whom they have trusted. We believe whom they have trusted. We believe here are many Germans who condemn and as true men and women we denounce and abbor and utterly condemn such acts as the invasion of Belgium.

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good and evil that he is not concerne about these things? The man who neutral with regard to Belgium has suffered some weakening both of his moral sense and of his manhood."

SUMNER BREAKING UP, **CREW CALLS FOR HELP**

Her Wireless Fails Early To-Day-Life Boat Sent to Save Men.

The army transport Sumner, bound from Cristobal for this port, which grounded off Barnegat Light in thick weather at midnight on Sunday, was apparently breaking up this morning in a strong westerly gale that succeeded a brisk northeasterly wind, piling the breakers around her. Her wireless failed her at 12:30 o'clock this morning. At 1:35 this morning the coast guard cutter Seneca sent a surf boat to take the crew off.

She had made an effort to say that she was launching her port lifeboat, but got only so far as the first two letters of "port." Fifteen minutes before she had sent out an appeal declaring that she wanted life savers to come immediately and take off all hands. She was then settling fast and the wireless message said it was only a matter of min-

then settling fast and the wireless message said it was only a matter of minutes when she would be flooded.

Several vessels equipped with wireless
had heard her appeals and were standing by outside the breakers to give help.
Her skipper, Capt. Webber, and a small
part of her crew, mostly those in the
engine department, were still aboard.
The rest, sixty-one all told, had been
transferred to the army transport Kilpatrick, which stopped off Barnegat on
Thursday night, and were landed here
yesterday morning. The Kilpatrick had
been ordered North from Newport News
to take the place of the Sumner on the to take the place of the Sun route between this port and the Canal

of the name "Hoosevelt." Among the 3,000 that manifested deep A. T. & T. CO. TO BE \$6,000,000 SANTA

Five Other Big Institutions Help Fill Clerks' Christmas Stockings.

Six large corporations announced seph H. Choate, Paul D. Cravath, F. Six large corporations announced Whitridge, Francis Lynde Stetson, yesterday bonus payments to ald their

nounced an \$ 1-3 per cent increase, effective to-day, in the salaries of its 2,000 employees in factories in this city, Bloomfield, N. J., and Milwaukee, Wis.

VILLA NOW ASKS OUR AID.

Wants U. S. to Give Him Free Hand in Fighting Carranya.

EL PASO Tex., Dec. 15.-A Mexican courier reached the border to-day from Villa's camp at Creel, fifty miles west of Minaca, in the Guerrero district of Chihuahua, with proposals for the United States Government that Villa would re-frain from the further destruction of foreign life and property in Mexico on condition that the United States would not interfere anywhere with his cam-

the sinking of the Lusitania and now this climax of atrocity, the taking into stavery of defenceless and unoffending civilians.

This proposal Asks British Premier to Obtain for the day.

Consent to Negotiations.

The upward is sold back to for the day.

In the closest are the proposal includes all Americans in Mexico. Broken German Promises.

Dr. Manning asserted that Germany bad broken a solemn, binding promise in overrunning Belgium and robbing and englaving the people and forcing them to aid in the destruction of their own kindred.

"Shall we as a nation sit silent?" he asked. "Is there any one calling himself and American who is a market and many of the closing hours some support was lent to the market, and many of the atocks which had suffered heavy losses in the morning enjoyed substantial raison as specially but most earnestly appeal to you to use your great influence to secure your Government's secure your Government and Yilla is regarded by this most earnestly appeal to you to use your great influence to secure your Government's secure your Government's secure your Government's secure your Government to the market, and many of the atocks which had suffered heavy losses in the morning enjoyed substantial raison the work of the market, and many of the atocks which had suffered beavy losses in the morning enjoyed substantial raison the work of the market and many of the atocks which had suffered beavy losses in the morning enjoyed substantial raison that you can be proved to the market and the to the market and the to the market and t

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ROADS AND MEN TO END DISPUTE

W. G. Lee, Brotherhood Head, Says Negotiations Are in Progress.

ASIDE FROM 8 HOUR LAW

All Other Future Controversies Are to Be Taken Out of Politics.

EVANSVILLE, Ind. Dec. 15.—W. G. Lee of Cleveland, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, publicly announced here to-day that negotiations are under way between the leaders of the brotherhoods and those higher ers of the brotherhoods and those higher ers of the brotherhoods and those higher tack. The Emperor was accompanied by up in the operating departments of the railroads, looking to a settlement of dell, the commander of the army group, their entire controversy out of court before January 1, outside and independent made a speech thanking them for prolof the Adamson law, which is schdeuled to go into effect on that date. He said both sides are carefully considering plans for settling the entire question and for clearing and expunsing the resords in spoke in "words most weathful in con-

Both Sides Are Conciliatory.

"I know I am not betraying confi-ences," he said, "when I say some of the very best brains high in the chamher very best brains high in the cham-bers of the operating departments of the railroads favor something satisfactory to both sides and they have discussed it with us. I left them only Wednesday night in New York and will be back there very soon. We hope to work it out. We know that if we don't work it out for ourselves, the employees and the employers, somebody is going to work it out for us and it will not be acceptable to either side.

Mr. Lee predicted that if the present negotiations come to a successful end the disputes between the railroads and

Favors Non-partisan Board.

sarily be settled by force. All interna-tional disputes are capable of adjust-ment by peaceful means. Every guarantee that can possibly be secured by war can be stated as a condition prece-

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Day over runk, and that the Portuguese has so decided.

The holiday services will take place reckoned with, while circumstances may wholly in daylight in order to economize in lighting and fuel.

America and South Africa must be reckoned with, while circumstances may wholly in daylight in order to economize in lighting and fuel.

PEACE OFFER MADE BY ENGLISH WANT KAISER'S TERMS;

Emperor Tells Troops in Alsace Decision Now Rests With the Entente

London, Dec. 15.—"Confident that we are completely the victors, I made a proposal to the enemy yesterday to discuss the questions of further war or peace," said the Kaiser in addressing the troops in Alsace recently, according to a despatch published in the Cologne Gazette, says a Reuter's despatch from Amsterdam.

Capturing 7,500.

"What will come of it I do not yet know," the Emperor is reported to have continued. "It is a matter for the enemy now to decide if the fighting is

for settling the entire question and for clearing and expunging the records in the case.

The principal controversy over the eight hour law, intended to establish a precedent for all the railroads, is that of the Federal Government against the receivers of the Missouri, Oklahoma and Guif Railroad. This case is now before the United States Supreme Court, and a decision is not expected before January 8.

deal destructive blows in the east. He spoke in "words most wrathful in contempt of that people in the east which had thought to stick a dagger in the carried, in the campaign which had been conducted according to the brilliant plans of Field Marshal von Hindenburg.

"The old god of battles directed. We were his instruments and were proud of it." the Emperor added. of it," the Emperor added.

scribed as The fronty of fate, which had permitted the corn purchased by the English to fall into German hands.

"The English," the correspondent quotes the Emperor as saying, "paid for it. We eat it and that has been called

STOCKS STEADIER AFTER BIG DECLINE

Reported in Another Exciting Day.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 15.—Mobilization by Holland of her entire mercantile fleet for bringing foodstuffs from overseas is LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Entente Powders have decided to grant safe conduct to Count Tarnowski von Tarnow, recently appointed Austro-Hungarian Ambassador to the United States.

The Foreign Office said the Entente T quisitioning of ships. In the memorial he states that 200,000 tons capacity for food and fodder is needed monthly, and "I carnestly wish you all success in made by the American Government. The American Amhaesador, Walter H. Page, and all Americans who are and of the good name of their country to also have in them the capacity for the capacity f Three Ships Reported Sunk.

London, Dec. 15—There will be no miding the strength of th

BELIEVE GERMANY NEAR COLLAPSE;

"COMPLETE VICTORY," SAYS THE WAR OFFICE

rown Prince Suffers Biggest Defeat of His Entire Campaign.

NIVELLE'S MEN TAKE FORTIFIED WORKS

Villages of Vacherauville and Louvemont Wrested From Invaders.

Afterward the Emperor talked to the officers for a half hour on the Rumanian campaign, which he is said to have described as "The irony of fate," which this morning has broken the German front for nearly seven miles to a depth of two miles. The French have taken it. We eat it and that has been called more than 7,500 prisoners and many a war of starvation."

after Germany's peace offer and his own elevation to supreme command over the French armies in France, has dealt the Crown Prince the hardest employees will be taken out of politics by the establishment of some kind of a Federal commission to take the place of Turnover of 2,409,000 Shares prisoners taken than in Gen. Nivelle's attack of October 24, which restored blow of the Verdun campaign. More attack of October 24, which restored the Verdun line of forts.

Strong Positions Won.

started at 10 o'clock.

The enemy's front broke down everywhere to a depth of about three

Besides numerous trenches we caft-tured the villages of Vacherauville and Louvemont, the farms of Cham-brettes and the fortified works of Hardaumont and Bezonyaux.

200 Officers Captured.

We have taken a great many pris oners, the exact number of whom has not yet been determined. Seven thou-sand five hundred of them, including 200 officers, already have been passed through our commandant's posts We have taken or desiroyed numer-ous pieces of heavy and field artillers and also a considerable quantity of

and also a considerable quantity or material. Notwithstanding unfavorable weather conditions our aviators took a brilliant part in the fighting. Our success is complete. The troops have given vent to great enthusiasm. Our losses are The late German statement said:
"On the east bank of the Meuse since

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Duma Refuses Peace Negotiations

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Petrograd says the Duma has unanimously passed the following

"The Duma, having heard the statement by the Minister of For-eign Affairs, unanimously favors a categorical refusal by the allied Governments to enter, under present conditions, into any peace negotiations whatever.

"It considers that the German proposals are nothing more than fresh proof of the weakness of the enemy and a hypocritical act from which the enemy expects no real success, but by which it seeks to throw upon others the responsibility for the war and for what happened during it, and to exculpate itself before public opinion in Germany.

"The Duma considers that a premature peace would not only be a brief period of calm but would involve the danger of another bloody war and a renewal of the deplorable sacrifices by the people. It considers that a lasting peace will be possible only after a decisive victory over the military power of the enemy and after definite renunciation by Germany of the aspirations which render her responsible for the world war and for the horrors by which it has been accompanied."

BRITISH NAME WILSON WON'T

INVOKE PEACE

Meeting, Decides to Keep

"Hands Off."

by the President. Whatever future steps

FRENCH WIN 2 MILES AT VERDUN

Indemnity, Guarantees for the President, After Long Cabinet Future and Reparation, Says Henderson.

3 PEACE TERMS

London, Dec. 15 .- In discussing the Steel Smelters Association to-night, Ar- identified with the peace proposals of the order to save herself. thur Henderson, member of the British Central Powers. He will communicate

"From the past and recent events," said Mr. Henderson, "we may anticipate without overassumption that any proposals Germany may put forward will no err on the side of magnanimity. They must be examined with the greatest possible care.

The President takes the view that he has been asked simply to act as emissary for Germany and her allies and that any action on his part other than despatching the proposals to their destination is unclearly must be examined with the greatest possible care. est possible care.
"We of all people must not forget that

Germany was prepared for peace with this country as late as August, 1914, but on what conditions—that we were pre-

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Cur forces on the Tigris assumed the offensive Wednesday and Thursday. The Turkish positions about Sannayyat, on the left bank, were subjected to an effective bombardment. During Wednesday night British forces secured the left bank of the Hai forces secured the left bank of the Hai River between Atab and Hasrugiyeh, crossed to the right bank and secured the ground to a depth of from one to one and a half miles, the cavalry subsequently clearing the Turkish troops from their trenches on the right bank about Kala Haji Fahan. The positions occupied are being consolidated by our infantry. Our casualties were slight. Kala Haji Fahan is on the right bank of the Had River, two and onehalf miles from Kul-el-Amara. Atab is on the left bank, five and one-half miles from Kut-A-Amara.

SPEND THE HOLIDAYS, e suithur Springs, West Virginia.

DECLARED SERIOUS

British Newspapers Urge That Peace Proposal

WOULD HAVE ALLIES REJECT NO CHANCE

Warning Is Issued Against the Sowing of Dissension.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- President Wil- among those well informed that Ger-German proposals at a dinner of the son, for the present at least, will not be many is really desirous of peace in

Experts declare that according to annon.

Gen. Nivelle, striking a few days fiter Germany's peace offer and his was elevation to supreme command with the formation for the moment.

The President takes the view that he identical notes to the Entente Allies their best information Germany's without comment or suggestion of any kind. This was officially made known in their best information Germany's economic situation is really very series declare that according to their best information Germany's tonight.

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sions of the year it was stated authoritatively that the idea of submitting an addendum had not even been considered turn down the suggestion for opening agreement to the suggestion of the suggestion for opening and t negotiations without finding out the

Germany to take advantage of the last chance she will have of subjecting Europe to her hegemony. The innumerable sacrifices already made would be in vain if premiture peace were concluded with an enemy whose forces have been shaken but not broken and an enemy who is seekling a breathing space by making deceitful offers of a permanent peace.

"In this inflexible decision Russia is in complete agreement with all her valued of the vital necessity of carrying on the war to a victorious end."

BRITISH ADVANCE ON TIGRIS,

Rout Turks in New Offensive is Kut-cl-Amara Region.

London, Dec. 15.—British troops have taken the offensive in the region of Kut-cl-Amara, An official statement issued to-night says:

Our forces on the Tigris assumed the offensive Wednesday and Thurshallay. The Turkish positions about Sannayyat, on the left bank, were carried to the reason that he pelicove peace impossible at the present inc.

Teutons Hoped for Indorsement.

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They anticipate no move toward peace either now or in the near future by President Wilson. And they intimate that the President views the German move for peace much in the same light as their respective Governments view it—as a diplomatic play which must be proved sincere before it is given serious consideration.

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Tenton Empire Believed to Be Trying to Escape Disaster.

ECONOMIC SITUATION

Be Sifted.

Special Cable Desputch to Tax Sex LONDON, Dec. 15 .- While still awaiting the actual German peace note the impression is gaining ground here

The President takes the view that he tures from Berlin were impossible a few months ago after the Verdun action on his part other than despatching failure, but are made possible now by Germany's success in Rumania, The feeling is undoubtedly growing

by the President. Whatever future steps he may take in the interest of peace rehe may take in the interest of peace remain undecide! For the present the
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The Entente Governments, it is explained, refuse to be prematurely impressed, and it is expected that the will cite the attitude of the United State.

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